STANLEY WORKS Form 8-K March 02, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 2, 2004

The Stanley Works
----(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (860) 225-5111

Not Applicable
-----(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events.

incorporation)

The Stanley Works has announced that it has completed the sale of its

residential entry doors business to Masonite International Corporation.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description -----

99.1 Press release, dated March 2, 2004 issued by The Stanley Works, announcing that it has completed the sale of its entry doors business to Masonite International Corporation.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE STANLEY WORKS

Date: March 2, 2004 By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt

Name: Bruce H. Beatt

Title: Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE STANLEY WORKS COMPLETES SALE OF RESIDENTIAL ENTRY DOORS BUSINESS

New Britain, Connecticut, March 2, 2004 ... The Stanley Works (NYSE: SWK) announced today that it has completed the sale of its residential entry doors business to Masonite International Corporation (TSE, NYSE: MHM).

The transaction will generate an after-tax gain and net proceeds of approximately \$100 million, which will be utilized for partial repayment of debt incurred in the recent acquisition of Blick plc.

The Stanley Works, an S&P 500 company, is a worldwide supplier of tools, hardware and security systems for professional, industrial and consumer use.

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The Stanley Works corporate press releases are available under Financial News in the Investor Relations section of the company's corporate web site at www.stanleyworks.com.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The statement in this press release to the effect that the transaction will generate an after-tax gain and net proceeds of approximately \$100 million is a forward looking statement and inherently subject to risk and uncertainty. Achieving an after-tax gain and net proceeds of approximately \$100 million is subject to final accounting of the completed transaction.

The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date hereof.

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